

CABARRUS COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
ANNEX E
LAW ENFORCEMENT

Primary Agencies

- Sheriff's Department

Support Agencies

- Municipal Law Enforcement
- Emergency Management

I. PURPOSE

This annex provides guidance for crime prevention, maintenance of law and order, and traffic control during emergency situations.

II. II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

1. Law enforcement agencies must expand their operations to provide the increased protection and support required during emergency conditions.
2. Numerous federal, state, and county law enforcement agencies are available through mutual aid agreements to support local law enforcement agencies within Cabarrus County (County).

B. Assumptions

1. Activities of local law enforcement agencies increase significantly during emergency operations.
2. Adequate law enforcement resources and services are available through existing mutual aid agreements.
3. Local law enforcement agencies obtain additional support from state and federal agencies when all the local capabilities committed are not sufficient to control the situation.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. Emergency law enforcement operations are an expansion of normal functions and responsibilities.
- B. These responsibilities include maintenance of law and order, traffic control, crowd control, and area security.

- C. Law enforcement activities remain under the control of the senior law enforcement officer for the jurisdiction in which the emergency operation is taking place. The Sheriff is this authority within the County.
- D. Records vital to law enforcement functions are protected during emergency situations.
- E. Law enforcement agencies within Cabarrus County are responsible for directing emergency response operations within their jurisdictions. They develop and maintain mutual aid agreements with surrounding law enforcement agencies. During emergency response operations, these agencies ensure that the following actions are taken:
 - 1. Maintain current internal notification/recall rosters and communications systems.
 - 2. Assist in warning and notifying the local population of an impending or existing emergency situation. Provide specific information on emergency situations to emergency services, key officials, and special locations such as schools, hospitals, nursing homes, etc.
 - 3. Conduct law enforcement operations within jurisdiction during the emergency period.
 - 4. Coordinate additional law enforcement support with other municipalities within the County, other counties, and the North Carolina State Highway Patrol during response operations. If the situation requires National Guard support, request this support through the Emergency Management Coordinator.
 - 5. If needed, provide a representative to the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to assist with law enforcement coordination.
 - 6. Provide transportation resources for critical emergency personnel and equipment, as necessary.
 - 7. Conduct traffic control to facilitate the movement of evacuees to shelters.
 - 8. Provide security for the damaged/evacuated area(s) and critical facilities. Control access to and movement within these areas.
 - 9. Provide security for reception centers, shelters, feeding facilities, and the County Receiving and Distribution Point (CRDP) during emergency operations. If Strategic National Stockpile medications are deployed to Cabarrus County, be prepared to escort movement of these supplies and provide security and crowd control at the dispensing sites.
 - 10. Municipal law enforcement agencies serve as the lead agency for the activation and coordination of land search operations within their jurisdictions.

IV. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

- A. The Sheriff is responsible for the direction and control of law enforcement activities during emergencies.
- B. The Sheriff or his designee are part of the Operations Group in the County EOC and coordinate law enforcement operations from the EOC during emergency situations.
- C. The municipal Chiefs of Police direct law enforcement operations in their respective municipalities and coordinate these operations with the other law enforcement agencies in the County.

V. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

- A. Staffing assignments for positions in the EOC allow for continuous operations.
- B. Selection and assignment of personnel is the responsibility of the agencies represented.
- C. Once assigned to the EOC, the Emergency Management Coordinator (EOC Manager) supervises these personnel.
- D. In the event that the primary EOC is not functional, the Emergency Management Coordinator activates an alternate EOC and notifies the Board of Commissioners of this change. Transportation is provided to any County Commissioners who cannot reach the EOC locations.
- E. Orders of Succession:
 - 1. Sheriff
 - 2. Chief Deputy
 - 3. Operations Captain
- F. Orders of succession for departments and agencies that support law enforcement are in accordance with their internal standard operating procedures.